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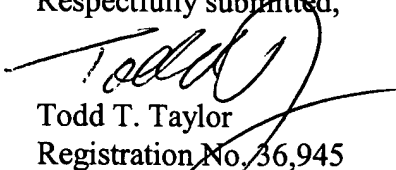
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JP 2001300386 discloses a device to prevent the turbulence of a curtain profile by protecting a curtain of coating color from air to be drawn and carried by a base paper. In the curtain coater for applying the coating color 4 flowing down as a curtain 4a from a liquid feed head 3 on the surface of the base paper 2 wound by a coater roll 1 and traveling, an air blowing machine 11 and an air sucking machine 14 are arranged in the upstream side of a coating color flow down portion to be along the width direction of the curtain 4a. An air blowing port 15 of an air blowing nozzle 10 provided in the air blowing machine 11 is led before the coating color flow down position and arranged to closely approach the base paper 1 in a non-contact state. An air sucking port 16 of an air sucking nozzle 13 provided in the air sucking machine 14 is positioned to be adjacent to the upstream side of the air blowing port 15 of the air blowing nozzle 10 and arranged to closely approach the base paper 2 in a non-contact state.

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